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FOR MANIPULATING COUPONS
AND THE LIKE IN CIGARETTE
PACKING MACHINES

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2003, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Reply. The Application is amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.

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